

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of retaining a bearing in a hole formed in a housing, comprising the process of:

inserting the bearing in the hole;

~~pushing material of the wall of the hole toward the center of the hole providing~~
plastic flow to an inner peripheral surface of the hole toward an end face of an outer race of the bearing using a staking tool with a diameter larger than that of the hole; and smaller than that of an outer diameter of the housing; and

~~pressing the material so as to contact with an end face of the outer race using the staking tool; and~~

forming a locking section on the end face of the outer race by the plastic flow for retaining the outer race of the bearing in the housing.

2. (Original) The bearing retention method according to Claim 1, further comprising the process of:

forming a step for retaining the outer race in advance at an end of the area within the hole to which the bearing is retained hole;

bringing an end of the outer race to contact the step; and

forming the locking section to another end of the outer race.

3. (Original) The bearing retention method according to Claim 2, further comprising the process of:

forming in advance a projection at the other end of the outer race;

forming in advance a concave section corresponding to the projection in the hole;

engaging the projection of the outer race with the concave section in the hole; and

forming the locking section matching the other end of the outer race.

4. (Original) The bearing retention method according to Claim 1, further comprising the process of:

forming in advance projections in the hole, adjacent to each other within the area to which the outer race of the bearing is retained; ;

press fitting the outer race therebetween; and

forming the locking sections.

5. (Original) The bearing retention method according to Claim 1, further comprising the process of:

forming in advance a projection at an end of the outer race;

forming in advance a concave section matching the projection in the hole;

engaging the projection of the outer race with the concave section of the hole; and

forming the locking section corresponding to the end of the outer race.
